

# SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 19th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors  
For 2015-16 will be held

**Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:00 pm Cedar Street Conference Room**  
**5:30 PM Policy Committee**

## ~MINUTES~

Present:, Doug DiPasquale, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Joel Pike, Holly Richards, Denise Rodzen, Laurie Sanborn and Cindy Young.

Absent: Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Mark Holt (arrived at 7:41pm), Jackie Knight

Present: Trevor Doiron, Student Representative.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Denise Rodzen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
3. **ATTENDANCE**  
9 Present  
4 Absent (Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Mark Holt arrived at 7:41pm and Jackie Knight)  
1 Student Representative Present
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - 6.2, 12.2, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - None**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**  
6.1 Resignation of Meredith Hanby, Social Studies Teacher, SMHS  
**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to accept the resignation of Meredith Hanby, Social Studies Teacher SMHS, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.**  
Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  
1 Student Representative Yes  
  
6.2 Resignation of Kayla Coulombe, 5th Grade Teacher at LES.  
**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to accept the resignation of Kayla Coulombe, 5th Grade Teacher, LES, effective at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.**  
Vote: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  
1 Student Representative Yes

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**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**8. BOARD COMMENT**

**Shari Ouellette wants to express congratulations to seniors who will be graduating. I want to wish them a wonderful and safe graduation and a happy project graduation.**

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -**

**As of June 3, 2016 our student population is 1489 PK-12; LES 425, JES 342, SMMS 319 and SMHS 403.**

**Just a reminder the last student day will be next week June 15th and it will be a full day and not a late arrival day. On the last teacher day, June 16, 2016, RSU 73 will have a district-wide staff gathering and recognition at 7:30 am in the Spruce Mountain High School Gymnasium. We have hired the following stipend positions and a staff position.**

**They are:**

**Curriculum Committee Members:**

<b>Angela Frey</b>	<b>SMPS K-2 Science</b>
<b>Abby McPheters</b>	<b>SMPS K-2 Social Studies</b>
<b>Farah Poirier</b>	<b>SMPS K-2 Unified Arts</b>
<b>Jody Ladd</b>	<b>SMPS PK-2 ELA</b>
<b>Danielle Caron</b>	<b>SMPS PK-2 Math</b>
<b>Tammy Deering</b>	<b>SMES 3-5 Social Studies</b>
<b>Angela Lake</b>	<b>SMES 3-5 Math</b>
<b>Maggie Davis</b>	<b>SMES 3-5 ELA</b>
<b>Teresa Schmidt</b>	<b>SMES 3-5 Science</b>
<b>Rob Taylor</b>	<b>SMMS 6-8 Science</b>
<b>Julie Taylor</b>	<b>SMMS 6-8 Math</b>
<b>Colleen Shink</b>	<b>SMMS 6-8 ELA</b>
<b>Julie Bolduc</b>	<b>SMMS Title 1 ELA</b>

**Extended School Year Staff:**

<b>Jan Kirkland</b>	<b>Ed Tech II Grade 6-12</b>
<b>Bernadette Bessey</b>	<b>Summer School Instructor</b>
<b>Jeanie Rackliff</b>	<b>Lead Teacher K-5</b>
<b>Amy Soper</b>	<b>Ed Tech II Grade K-5</b>
<b>Jason Wyman</b>	<b>Ed Tech II Grade 6-12</b>
<b>Diane Maurais</b>	<b>Lead Teacher Grade 6-12</b>
<b>Faith Hersey</b>	<b>Ed Tech 1 Grade K-2</b>

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## **New Hire:**

**Kathryn McAninch                      Ed Tech 1 - Special Services SMHS 6/9/16 start date**

## **Gear-Up Summer School:**

**Jacqueline Draper                      Assistant Teacher**

**I have handed out a document with the Laptop insurance options for the 2016/2017 school year. There are 5 different options, not all are wonderful, please look through them and provide us with the direction you would like us to take. We are at \$60,000 in damages this year, our average repair is \$400 a piece. We could have parents pay all of the cost, we could pay it all, we have an insurance company that would give us coverage with a \$0 deductible for \$34,500 for the school year. Option 3, would be the same policy but with the cost to parents of \$46 for each laptop, option 4 is combo student and parent cost unless the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch. The reduced rate would be \$23 and the free rate would be \$10, the district would pick up the balance. Option 5 is to charge a technology fee to our parents at \$100 per student, which would give us \$75,000 to take care of repairs for the 2016/2017 school year. I believe the best option is option 4, the combo offer. I wanted to inform you of the potential options. We would have to create a policy beyond what we have right now to identify what the cost sharing would be. Denise Rodzen asked that this be brought forward at the next board meeting. Michael Morrell said that he will look into other policies.**

**I also went to Rock of Ages and I have to say it was absolutely awesome congratulations to Dianne Fenlason and her students.**

**I also had the privilege to attend Pre-K graduation on Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you want to put a simile on your face go to a Pre-K graduation. LES folks did a great job! I will be taking the remainder of my unused vacation time for this school year on June 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 5 days of next year's vacation days on July 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2016. I attended the Western Maine Superintendent Association meeting on June 8, it was the last one for this school year. I found out that Jim Hodgden (RSU 4) will be the part-time Superintendent for Fayette next year replacing Dr. Mike Cormier who was wonderful to work with and he will be missed both personally and professionally.**

**I will also be asking you for authority to hire over the summer month of July at our next meeting.**

**Joel Pike asked if we would have the dollar figure for carry over at our next meeting. Michele Coates said that she told the Finance Committee that is was going to be tight. Denise Rodzen said that it would be after the end of the month before those numbers would be available.**

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10. **BOARD CHAIR'S - None**

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

12. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

12.1 Food Service – Dora York

**I recently completed the price equity tool, and submitted it to DOE for review and we do not need to increase meal prices this year.**

**Maine received \$234,000 additional funds from USDA for the Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program so SMPS, SMES and SMMS all will receive the grant next year. DOE was able to award 13 additional schools with the funding increase and the final percent cut off was 54.79% free and reduced. A total of 174 schools were awarded. Contracts will be mailed to superintendents and emailed to food service directors in the next few weeks.**

**The RSU 73 Foodservice program is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children 18 years of age and under without charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. The site for the free breakfast and lunch will be the Area Youth Sports building (formerly LFHS) at 25 Cedar Street in Livermore Falls and we will be partnering with the Spruce Mountain Recreation program starting June 20 through July 29. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 am and lunch will be served from 11:15 to 12:15 pm. In observance of the July 4 holiday no meals will be served on July 4 and 5. Spruce Mountain High School will be serving breakfast only June 20 to June 24 from 7:30-8:30 am. Holly Richards asked how many students have been served in the past. Dora replied that typically it is about 200 students. I have sent out flyers to all the schools, I want to get something out to the press to let as many people know about this program. You can dial 211 to get additional information about where breakfast and lunch will be served in your area.**

12.2 LES – Kevin Harrington - Excused

12.3 JES – Chris Hollingsworth

**I have a couple things to share this time. I am passing around pictures from the field trip Mrs. Lindsey took the 5th graders on to Colby College. Mrs. Lindsey applied for a grant and received it and is paid 100% of the field trip. The children got to go to an art museum, see artists and do an art project. Mrs. Lindsey also entered the students into a poster contest about Lyme disease sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services and Maine Center for Disease Control. One of our students was a winner, Elizabeth Grondin. She won a State Park pass for the entire year, a certificate and some tick removal kits were sent to the school.**

**Joel Pike about how things were going as far as the transition. Chris Hollingsworth replied that we have had the 5th graders to go the middle school for a social. We are planning on**

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putting on a BBQ over the summer along with an open house so that parents can come and check out the school.

12.4 SMMS – Scott Albert

**Congratulations to the students of the month. They are:**

**Grade 6 Evan Farmer and Paris Howes**

**Grade 7 Riley Legere and Emily Baker**

**Grade 8 Nathan Stearns and Kayley Langlin**

**Tomorrow is field day. A reminder that 8th Grade Promotion is Monday at 6:00 pm in the gym. Tuesday the students will be going on their reward trips.**

12.5 SMHS - TJ Plourde

**It has been a whirlwind of activity at the High School. At Scholarship Night a total of \$150,000 was given out in scholarships. We will have our final Assembly tomorrow but before that at 8:20 am the seniors will be doing a walk through LES with their cap and gowns on, then they will return to the high school for the final assembly and then will go to JES and the middle school for a walk through. The seniors are very excited about going to the schools. Baccalaureate is Friday night and graduation begins at 1pm on Sunday. I am looking forward for our seniors to have a good time. They also have something special at the end planned. Finals are going on for underclassmen. Holly Richards said that she also went to Rock of Ages and it was really cool.**

## **13. POLICY**

13.1 Final Reading Policy GD - Non-Collective Bargaining Unit Personnel.

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the final reading of Policy GD- Non-Collective Bargaining Unit Personnel.**

**Vote:                      9 Yes              0 No              0 Abstain**  
**1 Student Representative Yes**

## **14. OLD BUSINESS- None**

## **15. NEW BUSINESS**

15.1 Spruce Mountain State Champion Envirothon Team Presentation and request to compete at the North American Envirothon at Trent University in Ontario.

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Holly Richard to allow the request for the Envirothon Team to compete at the North American Envirothon at Trent University in Ontario.**

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- 15.2 Professional Evaluation Professional Growth (PEPG) Overview (Teacher & Principal) and School Board consideration of both DOE approved PEPG plans. Presentation.

Mark Holt arrived at 7:41 pm.

**Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Cindy Young to approve and School Board consideration of both DOE approved PEPG plans.**

**Vote:                    9 Yes            0 No            1 Abstain (Mark Holt)**  
**1 Student Representative Yes**

## **16. APPOINTMENTS**

- 16.1 Executive Session to discuss the suspension/expulsion of a student pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 6:15 pm to discuss the suspension/expulsion of a student pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).**

**Vote:                    9 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain**

**Return from Executive Session 7:04 pm.**

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Amy McDaniel to expel student X and student X will be evaluated by Dr. Rheagan in order to formulate the reentry plan.**

**Vote:                    9 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain**

- 16.2 Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session to 7:49 pm to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).**

**Vote:                    10 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain**

**Return from Executive Session 7:53**

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16.3 Superintendent nominates Jeremy Gath to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

**Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Jeremy Gath to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.**

**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain no student**

16.4 Superintendent nominates Kyle McLellan to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprinting status.

**Motion by Amy McDaniel and seconded by Cindy Young to approve Kyle McLellan to the position of SMHS Social Studies Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.**

**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

**17. OTHER BUSINESS- None**

**18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular Board Meeting on:

June 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Conference Room

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to adjourn at 7:57 pm.**

**Vote: 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey  
Superintendent of Schools